

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 756

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A RESOLUTION congratulate and honor Andrew Swisher upon winning the Environmental Protection Agency Radon Action Month Poster Contest.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those talented young people whose creative abilities find outlet and expression through art and whose accomplishments bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such highly talented and creative Tennessean is Andrew Swisher, who was recently recognized as the winner of the Environmental Protection Agency Radon Action Month Poster Contest; and

WHEREAS, a seventh-grade student at Norris Middle School in Anderson County, , Andrew Swisher traveled to Washington, D. C., on January 27, 2006, to be honored, and his artwork has been featured on a poster promoting radon awareness across the Nation; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honor and accolades, Andrew Swisher advanced to the national competition after winning the Tennessee's State Radon Poster Contest (Non-Computer Generated Poster Category), which was held in conjunction with National Radon Action Week (October 16-33) in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the statewide contest was sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Air Pollution Control Division, and the University of Tennessee Extension; and

WHEREAS, radon is a radioactive gas that is tasteless, colorless, and odorless; radon originates from naturally occurring uranium and radium found in soil, rock, and water; and

WHEREAS, when trapped in buildings, radon levels can become elevated and toxic; radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer and the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, fortunately, testing for radon is easy and inexpensive, and reliable tests can be easily obtained; the Environmental Protection Agency has named January the National Radon Action Month in efforts to raise public awareness; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Swisher and his artwork are at the forefront of the education of the American public about the dangers of radon, and should be properly recognized for his efforts; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Andrew Swisher for his dedication to excellence in the arts and his integral role in helping raise the awareness of the dangers of radon; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Andrew Swisher upon winning the Environmental Protection Agency Radon Action Month Poster Contest, commend him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.